

SOUTHSIDE REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
SVMHI- NORMAN AUDITORIUM  
382 TAYLOR DR.  
DANVILLE, VA 24541  
February 18, 2020  
5:30PM  
DRAFTED MINUTES

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Horne, James Rountree, Elizabeth Harris

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mandy Crowder, Naomi Gibson

CALL TO ORDER

Morgan Horne, LHRC chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

MINUTES

The April 2019 meeting minutes was motioned to be approved by James Rountree, and seconded by Elizabeth Harris and unanimously approved by the committee members in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

Advocate Update:

Training

- Region 3 completed two CHRIS training sessions in Abingdon in April. Approximately 30 people were in attendance from the Southwest part of the Region.
- CHRIS training is scheduled for 6/19/19 in Roanoke at Intercept Youth Services. We currently have 40 participants registered. We plan to offer CHRIS training again in the Southside area of the Region later this summer or early fall. Date and exact location TBD.

LHRC Review Forms/Processes

- We have implemented the use of the following LHRC review forms. We are collecting feedback on the forms and process and will take this feedback into consideration when we review the forms again after a period of use.
  - Restrictions to Dignity, Rights, and Freedoms of Everyday Life
  - Behavior Treatment Plan with Timeout/Restraint
  - Human Research
  - Next Friend

### Community Look Behinds

- The Regional Advocate continues to conduct community look behinds. We are currently reviewing 4th quarter closed cases for 2018. Jennifer Kovack is assigned 14 cases to review in Region 3. We continue to see an increase in provider's reporting and the quality of the abuse/neglect/exploitation investigations. We also are seeing an increase in compliance related to provider's requirement to have someone trained to conduct investigations. One significant update is that OHR is now verifying the implementation of provider's corrective action for substantiated cases. This verification helps our office in identifying systemic human rights issues and provides further rights protections for individuals served.

### Facility Look Behinds

- Advocates based at each state facility are also completing look behinds on closed facility CHRIS cases. This review includes cases at Catawba, SWVMHI and SVMHI. Each advocate just completed a review of randomly selected cases from October 2018.
- OHR implemented AIM (assess safety; initiate process; monitor compliance) protocol in August 2019. This protocol includes a face to face visit within 24 hours (1 business day-AIM24) for high profile allegations such as sexual assault, restraint with injury and physical abuse with injury. In addition, Advocates will follow-up on all substantiated abuse allegations. This follow-up includes visits (within 30 days of findings-AIM30), additional phone calls, and/or review of policies and other documentation. The goal of our follow-up on substantiated cases is verification of implementation of corrective action.
- Community Look Behind Update: Regional Manager recently completed reviews of 13 cases from 1st quarter 2019. Assignments were received for next set of reviews (2nd Q 2019) which will occur from now until the end of the year. We are currently only reviewing closed IDD cases. Providers will be contacted if they have a case that is selected for review. Overall we have seen improvements with provider compliance, specifically with having trained investigators conducting investigations and sending notice of findings/appeal once the investigation is complete.
- Region 3 team completed CHRIS training across the region in August.
- Statewide trainings to continue next year, focus on Human Rights Training for licensed providers. Info will be sent out via eventbrite once dates/locations are set.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by James Rountree the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of medical record / treatment plans.

- Review of SVMHI quarterly restrictions meeting the criteria of 12VAC35-115-100 Restrictions on Freedoms of Everyday Life

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session, all members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

NEXT MEETING –May 12, 2020 at SVMHI, Norman Auditorium at 5:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion made to ADJOURN by James Rountree and seconded by Elizabeth Harris. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

These Minutes were transcribed by Mandy Crowder.